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A pedestrian passes flowers near Fillmore and Second streets on Tuesday in Phoenix. Tuesday was the first day of spring. TOM TINGLE/THE REPUBLIC

WEATHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT

Kathy Barr brushes snow off her car on Tuesday in Hagerstown, Maryland. A storm dumped several inches of snow along parts of the East Coast. COLLEEN MCGRATH/THE HERALD-MAIL VIA AP

Tuesday marked the first day of spring, and while the weather was typically beautiful in Greater Phoenix, chilly weather and several inches of snow were the story along parts of the East Coast. The bulk of the snow and sleet was expected to wallop New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and parts of eastern Pennsylvania today before heading toward Cape Cod early Thursday, the fourth nor'easter to slam the region in three weeks. Meanwhile, most of Arizona was bracing for continued warmth. Temperatures could hit or top 90 degrees in the central and southern parts of the state on Thursday. **Forecast, 2A**

District moves to push out Birdwell

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The Scottsdale Unified School District alleges that Superintendent Denise Birdwell was paid $30,000 in two payments in 2016 from the architecture firm she brought in to oversee much of the district's construction work.

Half of that went to Birdwell and half went to a person with whom she shares a bank account.

That was among a 11-page statement of charges the school board adopted in its move to terminate Birdwell on Tuesday.

The unanimous decision came nearly four months after the Scotts-

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#RedForEd walkout set in Glendale

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Nearly all of the classroom teachers at a Glendale elementary school plan to call in sick today to stage a #RedForEd protest at the Arizona Capitol.

The teacher walkout at Sunset Ridge Elementary School in the Pendergast Elementary School District is believed to be the first escalated action stemming from a statewide movement among educators calling for better pay.

The Arizona movement was inspired by the nine-day teacher strike

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'Dreamers' can keep licenses

Chris McCrory
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Immigrants brought to Arizona illegally as children and protected from deportation under an Obama-era program on Monday applauded the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear the state's appeal of a court ruling that blocked Arizona from denying them driver's licenses.

The case, decided by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in February

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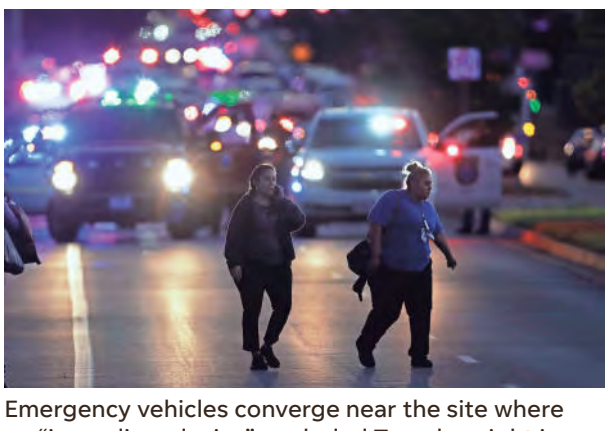

Emergency vehicles converge near the site where an "incendiary device" exploded Tuesday night in Austin, but authorities said the blast was not related to a recent series of bombings. ERIC GAY/AP

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Maryland gunman dead after shooting 2 at school

A student opened fire Tuesday at a Maryland high school, injuring two students before an armed school resources officer intervened. The gunman was killed, but it was not immediately clear whether the school officer fired the fatal shot. **2B**

Crash likely 'unavoidable'

Based on an initial investigation and a review of video, a fatal crash involving a self-driving Uber test car likely was "unavoidable," Tempe police say. **3A**

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